

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 6, AND 7 and ADD new claim 9 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing an extended HTML document generation program which generates an extended HTML document in accordance with specifications of extended tags included in an input HTML document, controlling a computer to execute:

reading an inputted HTML document created with an HTML editor which automatically converts each element bracketed between a pair of a start structural tag and an end structural tag within a source HTML document into that enclosed by a pair of lower level element tags,

recognizing an extended tag which is defined so that the extended tag itself does not develop into a text within the HTML document read in said reading, and

deleting an HTML tag pair which encloses only an extended tag or which encloses no element within the HTML document within which said recognizing has been executed, while allowing the computer to generate the HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag without maintaining the extended tag itself.

2. (currently amended) A method of generating an extended HTML document in accordance with specifications of extended tags included in a source HTML document with an HTML editor which automatically interchanges, if a tag is bracketed between a pair of HTML start and end tags relating to character style and adjoins one of the HTML tags within a source HTML document, the former tag and its adjoining HTML tag, comprising:

editing a source HTML document by adding, with respect to an extended tag which is defined so that the extended tag itself develops into a text and bracketed by a pair of HTML start and end tags relating to character style and adjoins one of the HTML tags within the source HTML document, an arbitrary text immediately after said HTML start tag and immediately prior to said HTML end tag and enclosing each arbitrary text by a predetermined identification extended pair with the HTML editor;

reading an HTML document in which each set of said HTML a tag relating to the character style and said arbitrary text is enclosed by the predetermined identification extended tag pair as a result of the HTML editor's automatically interchanging each tag relating to the character style and its adjoining predetermined identification extended tag within the source HTML document;

recognizing said HTML tag relating to the character style; and

deleting elements enclosed by said identification extended tag pair except for said HTML tag relating to the character style and also deleting said identification extended tag itself while allowing the computer to generate the HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag without maintaining the extended tag itself.

3-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A method for generating an extended HTML document in accordance with specifications of extended tags included in an input HTML document, comprising:

reading an inputted HTML document created with an HTML editor which automatically converts each element bracketed between a pair of a start structural tag and an end structural tag within a source HTML document into that enclosed by a pair of lower level element tags,

recognizing an extended tag which is defined so that the extended tag itself does not develop into a text within the HTML document read in said reading step, and

deleting an HTML tag pair which encloses only an extended tag or which encloses no element within the HTML document within which said recognizing has been executed while allowing the computer to generate the HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag without maintaining the extended tag itself.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus for generating an extended HTML document in accordance with specifications of extended tags included in an input HTML document, comprising:

a computer; and

a computer readable medium containing an HTML document generation program controlling the computer to execute:

reading an inputted HTML document created with an HTML editor which automatically converts each element bracketed between a pair of a start structural tag and an end structural tag within a source HTML document into that enclosed by a pair of lower level element tags,

recognizing an extended tag which is defined so that the extended tag itself does not develop into a text within the HTML document read in said reading, and

deleting an HTML tag pair which encloses only an extended tag or which encloses no element within the HTML document within which said recognizing has been executed while allowing the computer to generate the HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag without maintaining the extended tag itself.

8. (cancelled)

9. (new) A method for generating an extended HTML document, comprising:
recognizing a presence of an extended tag; and
generating an extended HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag while eliminating the extended tag itself.